Women and child development programmes in Rajasthan

2704. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the targets fixed for the implementation of Women and Child Development Programmes in the rural areas of Rajasthan as well as Orissa State during the last three years and what are the achievements reported so far in this regard (State-wise);

(b) the amount allotted to the State Governments for this purpose during this period indicating the increase in allocation for the current financial year either by Central assistance or through foreign-aided World Bank/ UNICEF Projects upto 31st October, 1994; and

(c) what are the new initiatives/schemes launched or to be launched during Eighth/ Ninth Five Year Plans with a view to improve socio-economic conditions of women particularly in rural areas of Rajasthan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) The progress under Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) is monitored in terms of women groups formed for income generating activities. The targets fixed and achieved under DWCRA during the last three years in Rajasthan and Orissa are as under :—

State	Target fixed (No. of Women groups)			Target achieved (No. of Women groups)		
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Rajasthan . . .	550	510	472	535	151	625
Orissa . . .	350	240	328	350	208	330

(b) The total amount allocated, i.e. Central, UNICEF and State share to the States under the programme during the last three years and current financial year i.e. 1994-95 is as under :

State	Financial allocation (Rs. in lakhs)			
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Rajasthan	83.60	77.52	95.00	128.74
Orissa	53.20	36.48	49.86	65.36

There is an over-all increase in the allocation to Rajasthan and Orissa in the current financial year as against that of the last year by 33.74% and 31.09% respectively.

(c) The programme of DWCRA is constantly reviewed and many new initiatives like increasing the revolving fund from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000 in respect of successful groups in the need of more capital, more decision making authority to the groups of women by reducing bureaucratic control have been taken. This will benefit women's groups all over the country including Rajasthan.

ग्रामीण विकास के लिए विशेष कार्यक्रम

2705. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार गांधीजी की 125वीं जयंती को ध्यान में रखते हुए ग्रामीण विकास के संबंध में कतिपय विशेष कार्यक्रम बनाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी रूपरेखा क्या है और इस पर राज्य सरकारों की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?